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A- Homicide Book  
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**DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING FORM**

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>January 11, 2013</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Internal Affairs Bureau</b>		Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>013-80004-1575-013</b>		Date: <b>January 10, 2013</b>		Time: <b>1608</b>	
City or Station: <b>Pico Rivera Station</b>		Nature of Incident: <b>Deputies shot suspect as he advance toward them with a knife.</b>			
Location: <b>Holbrook Street/Morrill Avenue, Pico Rivera</b>					
Location Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Other:		Lighting (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  Weather (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance:		Incident Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot Other:	
Initiated by (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit  Prior Activity (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol		Aero Unit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>			
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy <b>42</b>		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect <b>0</b>			
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
	<b>Gutierrez</b>	<b>Marisela</b>			
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
	<b>Kocisko</b>	<b>Mark</b>			
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
	<b>Bille</b>	<b>Earnest</b>	<b>O</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
				<input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Estrada</b>	<b>Edward</b>	<b>F</b>		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		

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Rollout Information			
Arrival Date	January 10, 2013	Arrival Time	1730
Date Submitted	May 19, 2014		
Date of Recommendation	07/01/13		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	Parker	Brenda	M.I.
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	Reyes	Mark	A.
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	Berg	Michael	R.

Method		Type of Injury	Body Part Injured
(AV) Arwen	(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle	(AB) Abrasion	(AD) Abdomen
(BC) Baton:(Control)	(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(BR) Bruise	(AK) Ankle
(BI) Baton:(Impact)	(OO) Other Weapon: Other	(BU) Burn	(AR) Arm
(BF) Bodily Fluids	(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(CP) Complaint of Pain	(BK) Back
(CN) Canine	(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(CO) Concussion	(BT) Buttocks
(CR) Carotid Restraint	(PH) Personal Weapon: (Hand/Arm)	(DH) Death	(CH) Chest
(CH) Choke Hold	(PP) Personal Weapon: (Push)	(DI) Dislocation	(EL) Elbow
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO) Personal Weapon: (Other)	(DB) Dog Bite	(FA) Face
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS) Resistance	(FR) Fractures	(FE) Feet
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)	(GS) Gunshot	(FI) Fingers
(CE) Chemical	(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)	(HB) Human Bite	(GE) Genitals
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)	(LC) Lacerations	(GR) Groin
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)	(ND) Nerve Damage	(HD) Hand
(EX) Explosives	(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt	(OD) Organ Damage	(HE) Head
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)	(SP) Sap	(PA) Paralysis	(HI) Hip
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)	(SH) Shield	(PW) Puncture Wound	(IN) Internal
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG) 37mm Slinger	(SD) Soft Tissue Damage	(KN) Knees
(FO) Firearm (Other)	(SB) Sting Ball	(ST) Sprain/Twists	(LE) Leg
(FB) Flashbang	(ST) Stun Bag	(UN) Unconscious	(NK) Neck
(FL) Flashlight	(TR) Taser		(SH) Shoulder
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged	(UC) Uncooperative		(WR) Wrist

Brand		Caliber
(AK) AK-47	(IV) Iver Johnson	(RO) Rossi
(BN) Benelli	(JE) Jennings	(SW) Smith & Wesson
(BR) Beretta	(LO) Lorcin	(SR) Sturm Ruger
(BV) Browning	(LU) Luger	(SS) SIG Sauer
(CH) Charter Arms	(MA) Marlin	(ST) Sterling
(CO) Colt	(MO) Mossberg	(TA) Taurus
(DA) Davis Industries	(NC) NCI aka SKS	(WE) Weatherby
(GL) Glock	(NA) North American	(WN) Winchester
(HA) Harrington & Richardson	(NO) Norinco	(US) US Government
(HI) Hi Standard	(RA) Raven	(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(HK) H & K	(RM) Remington	(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT) Ithica	(RG) RG	(ZZ) Other Brand
	(RI) RGI	

## FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	OE					NN	
S#1	E#2	OE					NN	
S#1	E#3	OE					NN	
S#1	E#4	OE					NN	
S#1	E#5	UC					NN	
S#1	E#6	OE					NN	
S#1	E#7	OE					NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	HK	45	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#2	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#3	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#4	S#1	FS	RM	12	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#5	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#6	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	CH
E#7	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	CH

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Involved Employee										
E 1	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
	Cardona									Fernando
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: Pico Rivera Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 151 A PM shift					
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
	Age:		Height:		Weight:					
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Weapons Fired Brand: H&K USP		Caliber: .45		# Shots: 5		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				
E 2	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
	Cerde									Jim
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Pico Rivera Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 155 PM shift					
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
	Age:		Height:		Weight:					
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta		Caliber: 92F		# Shots: 8		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				
E 3	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
	Felix									Kenneth
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Pico Rivera Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 151K1 PM shif					
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
	Age:		Height:		Weight:					
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta		Caliber: 92		# Shots: 17		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.				

# **Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information**

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Involved Employee										
<b>E 4</b>	Employee #	Last Name		Felix		First Name		Venus		M.I.
Sex: <b>F</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy Sheriff</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>Pico Rivera Station</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>155 PM shift</b>				
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:				
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest		Other Factors:				
Age:		Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:		Directed Force:
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Remington shotgun</b>		Caliber: <b>12</b>	# Shots: <b>1</b>	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		
<b>E 5</b>	Employee #	Last Name		Padilla		First Name		John		M.I.
Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy Sheriff</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>Pico Rivera</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>152B PM shift</b>				
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:				
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest		Other Factors:				
Age:		Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:		Directed Force:
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta</b>		Caliber: <b>92F</b>	# Shots: <b>2</b>	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		
<b>E 6</b>	Employee #	Last Name		Reynoso		First Name		Leticia		M.I.
Sex: <b>F</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>Pico Rivera Station</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>155F</b>				
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:				
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest		Other Factors:				
Age:		Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:		Directed Force:
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta</b>		Caliber: <b>92F</b>	# Shots: <b>6</b>	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name				M.I.		



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Involved Employee									
E 7	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
		Zarda			Dave				
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy		Unit Assignment: Pico Rivera Station		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 155X		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:		
	Age:		Height:		Weight:				
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta		Caliber: 9mm		# Shots: 8		Weapons Fired Brand:		# Shots:
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
E	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:		
	Age:		Height:		Weight:				
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		# Shots:
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
E	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:		
	Age:		Height:		Weight:				
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		# Shots:
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		



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Suspect Information				
S 1	Last Name		First Name	
	AKA Last Name		AKA First Name	
	Sex: M	Race: H	Street Address:	City
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 6	D.O.B.	Height: 505	Weight: 118
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:
	Armed?	Apprehended?	Criminal History	
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:
	Unknown			
S	Last Name		First Name	
	AKA Last Name		AKA First Name	
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:
	Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:
	S	Last Name		First Name
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# SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

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## **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**UNIT:** Pico Rivera Station  
**DATE:** January 10, 2013  
**TIME:** 1608 Hours  
**LOCATION:** Holbrook Street/ Morrill Avenue  
**URN#:** 013-80004-1575-013  
**IAB#:** SH2328967

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

On January 10, 2013, Pico Rivera Station Deputies responded to the area regarding a "Person with a gun" call. The caller indicated four male gang members in a dark colored vehicle pointed a firearm at him, asked him "Where he was from," and drove away. One of the males was described as wearing a hooded sweatshirt and a Dallas Cowboys cap.

Deputies John Padilla and Marisela Gutierrez, who were partners, saw Subject [REDACTED] walking toward them on Morrill Avenue. He matched the description of one of the suspects in the call and, therefore, they attempted to detain him. Suspect [REDACTED] refused to follow the deputy's commands to stop. Instead, he put his hands in his waistband area and began to dig for something. Believing [REDACTED] was arming himself with a gun, and fearing for he and his partner's safety, Deputy Padilla fired two rounds at the suspect. Suspect [REDACTED] fell to the ground and grabbed his leg. He then instinctively jumped up from the ground and continued to dig in his waistband until he retrieved a large 9 to 10 inch knife. The suspect ran south on Morrill Avenue and out of view.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "C," Photograph of the knife the suspect retrieved from his waistband.

An aero unit responded, located [REDACTED] and broadcasted his location. Responding deputies exited their patrol cars and walked toward [REDACTED] location. [REDACTED] faced the deputies while wielding a large knife. The deputies gave Suspect [REDACTED] several commands to drop the knife, get on the ground, and show his hands. The suspect refused and walked backward away from the deputies for several blocks while waving the knife at them and mumbling "Come on. Come on." The deputies walked in a horizontal line following the suspect westbound for several blocks down Holbrook Street between Rockne Avenue and McNees Avenue.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "H," Aerial photograph depicting location where both shootings occurred and route that deputies followed suspect on foot, prior to the second shooting.

The suspect then began aggressively moving toward the deputies and concealing his hand in his pocket. The deputies gave Suspect [REDACTED] numerous commands to stop, show his hand and drop the knife. The suspect refused to comply. Deputies Cardona, Cerda, K. Felix, V. Felix, Reynoso, and Zarda fired at Suspect [REDACTED]. The suspect fell to the ground. Subject [REDACTED] sustained seventeen gunshot wounds to his body including his forehead, chest, back, face, arms, hip, buttocks, thigh and hand. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedic Delucia at 1620 hours.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "A," page 162 for detailed injuries

Subject [REDACTED] knife was recovered from the scene. Subject [REDACTED] was a known "Quiet Village" gang member. A hand written note was found on Suspect [REDACTED] person, which stated "Call if you need anything. If you do something stupid call." It is not known who this note was written by or if it played any part in the suspect's actions leading up to this shooting.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "G," the handwritten note that was found on  
Suspect [REDACTED] person

#### **INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**John Padilla-- Deputy**  
Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 152B, PM  
South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 04/22/1999  
Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Kenneth Felix-- Deputy**  
Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 151K1  
South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 08/19/1998  
Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**David Zarda-- Deputy**

Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 155X, PM shift  
South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 08/10/1994

Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Jim Cerda-- Deputy**

Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 155, PM  
South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 07/02/2001

Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Venus Felix-- Deputy**

Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 155, PM shift  
Central Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 05/11/2000

Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Fernando Cardona-- Deputy**

Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 151 A, PM shift  
South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 04/06/2000

Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Leticia Reynoso-- Deputy**

Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 155F

South Patrol Division

Date of Employment: 04/06/2000

Date Assigned to PRV: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**INVOLVED SUSPECT:**

[REDACTED]

Sex: Male  
Race: Hispanic  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Height: 505  
Weight: 118  
Booking #: None

Charge:

Injury:

**Deceased:** The suspect sustained multiple gunshot wounds to various parts of his body.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "A," page 162 for suspect's injuries.

**SWORN WITNESS:**

**Gutierrez, Maricella, Deputy** [REDACTED]  
Pico Rivera Station  
Unit 152B PM shift  
South Patrol Division

**Kocisko, Mark, Deputy** [REDACTED]  
Aero Bureau  
Deputy Sheriff, Pilot  
Homeland Security Division

**Pruit, Adam, Deputy** [REDACTED]  
Aero Bureau  
Tactical Flight Deputy  
Homeland Security Division



### **CIVILIAN WITNESSES:**

[REDACTED], Community Services Officer  
Pico Rivera Station  
South Patrol Division

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:**

#### **Deputy John Padilla**

Deputy Padilla said briefing had just ended when a "Man with a gun" call was broadcast via the radio. The call stated that four male Hispanics in a vehicle approached an individual and brandished a firearm. The suspects were described as gang members, and the person who brandished the weapon was wearing a "Dallas Cowboys" hat. He said he told Deputy Gutierrez that they were going to check a gang area called "Quiet Village," because he believed the guy with the gun might be one of the local gang members from the area.

Deputy Padilla said he started driving up Norwalk Boulevard, going to check for the suspect vehicle in "Quiet Village." He turned westbound on Holbrook Street and saw a male Hispanic "gangster-looking type," wearing a blue and grey beanie, walking northbound toward them. He told his partner Deputy Gutierrez that the male was probably the guy they were looking for, and they were going to stop him. He drove southbound on Morrill Avenue and stopped the patrol vehicle approximately 15 feet away from the suspect. He said he opened his door and put one foot on the ground, stepping out of the patrol vehicle, remaining behind the door of his vehicle. He told the suspect to walk toward them and put his hands on the hood of his vehicle. He said as soon as he told the suspect to let him see his hands, the suspect stuck his right hand into his waistband and looked straight at him.

Deputy Padilla said he gave the suspect a second order, to "Let me see your fucking hands." The suspect did not comply. Deputy Padilla said the suspect reached deeper in his waistband with each order he was given. The suspect continued looking at Deputy

Padilla while digging in his waistband. Deputy Padilla said the way the suspect was looking at him made him think the suspect was trying to get a gun from his waistband and shoot him. Deputy Padilla said he gave the suspect a third order and removed his duty weapon. He said he shot his gun at the suspect from about ten feet away because he believed the suspect was reaching for a gun and the suspect was going to shoot him and his partner. He said his backdrop was clear and there was an unoccupied Honda parked along curb, just east of the suspect.

After Deputy Padilla fired two shots at the suspect, the suspect staggered backwards. Deputy Padilla told the suspect to get on the ground. The suspect turned towards the deputies and attempted to run southbound toward Morrill Avenue. The suspect then fell to the ground and grabbed his leg. Deputy Padilla took cover behind a cinderblock wall on the corner of Holbrook and Morrill Avenue. He believed he shot the suspect in the leg, but he could not see if the suspect was wounded. Deputy Padilla said he checked on his partner by yelling to her "Are you okay?" He said she replied yes, and he saw her putting out emergency radio traffic on [REDACTED]. Deputy Padilla said he did not know what his partner was doing during the shooting because his attention was focused on the suspect. He said he heard the passenger side vehicle door open, and saw it open in his peripheral vision. He said he did not hear any other gun fire and did not know where his partner was positioned during the time of the shooting. However, he knew there was no danger of cross fire because he did not see her anywhere in his shooting range.

Deputy Padilla said the suspect immediately stood up, faced the deputies and continued to dig into his waistband. Deputy Padilla ordered the suspect to get on the ground. The suspect did not comply. Fearing the suspect was trying to arm himself with a gun, Deputy Padilla pointed his gun at the suspect, but realized his backdrop was not clear because people were starting to come out of their houses.

From approximately twenty to twenty five feet away, Deputy Padilla ordered the suspect to get on the ground, but the suspect continued to ignore his commands. The suspect took his hand out of his waistband and held a huge knife that he had been concealing inside of his waistband area. The suspect held the knife in his right hand and waived the knife in their direction. The suspect then ran southbound on Morrill Avenue. He put out radio traffic regarding the suspect being armed with a knife, and running southbound on Morrill Avenue.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "B", CD containing emergency radio traffic transmitted by Deputy Padilla (G-13391437).

Deputy Padilla said Deputy Ken Felix was the first deputy to arrive on scene. He said he informed Deputy Felix that the suspect ran southbound on Morrill Avenue, then went westbound to Lock Avon. He said as he was looking at his map, Aero Bureau started to set up a containment. Deputy Padilla and his partner stayed at their location and set up a command post. Moments later he saw the suspect running on Holbrook Street. The suspect stopped running, and walked westbound on Holbrook Street. He said he alerted responding deputies of the suspect's whereabouts. Deputy Padilla said four to five units

arrived on Holbrook Street. Because the patrol vehicles were staggered, he lost a visual on the suspect and deputies. He said after about 15 to 20 seconds, he heard gunshots, but did not see the shooting.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Padilla's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Kenneth Felix**

Deputy Felix said that on the day of this incident, a man with a gun call was broadcast. As he was responding to the call, he heard radio traffic that a deputy was involved in a shooting. He was a block away from where the shooting occurred so he immediately responded to the location. He arrived and saw Deputy Padilla waving at him, telling him that the suspect ran southbound. Deputy Felix said he drove southbound on Morrill Avenue and westbound on Holbrook Street. He saw the suspect walking in the street about five feet from the curb. The suspect was holding a large knife in his hand that looked like a machete and was dressed in baggy clothing. Deputy Felix pulled up behind the suspect and ordered him to stop and get on the ground. The suspect lowered his eyes and looked at him with a dazed stare as if he was saying "Fuck you, I'm gonna kill you." Deputy Felix said his heart rate was immediately raised because the suspect looked very evil and he had tattoos all over his face. Deputy Felix said this was the first time he had been confronted by someone who looked like the suspect.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "D," photograph of Suspect [REDACTED], depicting his facial tattoos.

Deputy Felix said the suspect was waving the knife back and forth and pointing it at him. He said he saw a pedestrian on the street who was close in vicinity to the suspect and feared the pedestrian would be "victimized" by the suspect. Knowing the suspect had a knife, and believing he was armed with a gun, Deputy Felix said he got out of his patrol car and ordered the suspect to stop and get down on the ground. Deputy Felix said he feared he would have to shoot the suspect because he thought the suspect was going to attack the pedestrian. He said just as he was ready to pull the trigger, the suspect started to comply and get on the ground.

Deputy Felix said the suspect crouched on the ground for a second, kneeled down, and suddenly stood back up. The suspect then turned and walked at a quick pace backwards away from him, while looking and waving the knife at him. Deputy Felix got back into his patrol car and followed the suspect at about five to ten miles per hour at a distance of ten to twelve feet. He said he drove with the driver's side door open because the distance between them was not great. He said he held the door open because he needed cover just in case the suspect turned and sprinted toward him or pulled out a gun. He said he had [REDACTED] CSO [REDACTED] in the car who was potentially [REDACTED]. He said he wanted to be able to get out of the car if he had to so the suspect's attention would be on him and not [REDACTED]. He also said he kept the driver's side door open

to use it as an avenue of escape. Deputy Felix said he continued to follow the suspect with CSO [REDACTED] in the vehicle because he did not want to lose the suspect. He said told her that she might have to protect herself, or even hide herself in the patrol vehicle.

Deputy Felix said when they reached Holbrook Street and Rockne he stopped the patrol car. The suspect stopped walking backward, and he got out of the patrol vehicle. He said the suspect was standing, holding the knife up, waving it back and forth in a figure eight pattern across his face, and toward him. He said in his mind, he was thinking the suspect was trying to show him that he was trying to kill himself, or him (Deputy Felix). Deputy Felix said he felt very threatened by the suspect's actions. He continued to follow the suspect because he was not able to put out any radio traffic to communicate the suspect's whereabouts due to his radio not working properly. He did not want to lose the suspect.

Deputy Felix said he stepped about five to seven feet away from his radio car. From approximately 10 to 15 feet away from the suspect, he continued to give the suspect commands to drop the knife and get on the ground. Deputy Felix did not have any cover, but he said he was not far from his radio car, and there were several areas where he could take cover if he needed to. He said he continued to give commands to the suspect to drop the knife and get on the ground. He gave the commands in English only and pointed his gun at the suspect while giving commands. He said he continued the commands and became frustrated when he realized no one had arrived to assist him.

**IAB Note:** Deputy Felix said he tried to put out radio traffic several times but his radio was not working properly. He also said that since the station was on self-dispatch, other people were talking on the radio, not giving him a chance to put out his radio traffic.

He said the suspect started walking backwards. He said he walked forward, following the suspect keeping 10 to 15 feet distance between them. He said the suspect walked forward and then backward. The suspect continued to point the knife at him and move it in a figure eight motion.

Deputy Felix said he saw a tan uniform come up in his peripheral vision. He did not know who it was because he kept his eyes on the suspect, but he was sure it was a deputy. Deputy Felix said he and the person did not communicate verbally. He said he continued to order the suspect to get down until he and the suspect were standing across from one another, "Essentially at a standoff." He said he continuously told the suspect to stop, get down, and drop the knife. He said he then saw the suspect bring the knife across his face, toward his head, and then point it at him (Deputy Felix). He said at that time he saw the suspect reach into his pocket and pull out something black. Deputy Felix said he saw black and immediately thought it was a gun. He said in his head he believed the suspect had a gun and was raising it up to shoot him. He was thinking that the suspect now had a knife and a gun, and was going to shoot him. He said that was when he pointed to center mass of the suspect's body and shot him.

**IAB Note:** Refer to page 18 of Deputy K. Felix's IAB transcripts for a more detailed explanation of his thoughts during the shooting.

Deputy Felix said he fired his gun and could hear the shots, but the suspect was not falling down. He said he perceived the suspect to be a threat to him because he was still standing with a menacing look on his face as if he were saying, "I'm gonna kill you." He thought "my gun isn't doing anything to this guy, I don't know what's going on." He said he continued to shoot until his gun went dry. He then did a reload and continued to shoot at the suspect. He said when the suspect went down he stopped shooting. Deputy Felix did not know how many rounds he had fired until after the shooting. He said he did not stop to reassess because the suspect was still standing and the threat was still there. He said he was focusing on the suspect and unfortunately he didn't scan the background.

Deputy Felix said he turned to his side and realized there were other deputies around him at the scene. He said he did not know that other deputies were shooting and that he believed he was suffering from tunnel vision. He said due to his radio malfunction, he did not know who was responding to the incident. Deputy Felix said that because he was handling a man with a gun call, his partner had just shot at the suspect, and the menacing face the suspect was giving him, he did not think that his immediate option was to use less-lethal. He said when he turned the corner, the suspect was "right there," and he was not able to wait for back up. The suspect was a threat to him and the pedestrian that was on the street. He said his attempt at having back-up was using the radio, and telling people where they were, but there was no response.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Felix's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy David Zarda**

Deputy Zarda said he was working a single person no call car, and responded from Pico Rivera Station to a man with a gun call. He said it was a strange day because the station was on self-dispatch. As he was traveling down Norwalk Boulevard, he heard radio broadcasts over [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding a deputy involved shooting. He turned left on Loch Avon and a pedestrian pointed him in a northerly direction. He saw a patrol vehicle in the intersection of Rockne and Holbrook Street. He saw Deputy Kenneth Felix exit the patrol vehicle and immediately draw his gun on "something." He pulled up next to Deputy Felix's patrol vehicle and got out of his car. He then saw the suspect standing in the street holding a knife.

Deputy Zarda went and stood next to Deputy Felix who was yelling out commands for the suspect to drop the knife. He did not communicate verbally with Deputy Felix. He said he began yelling out commands to the suspect to drop the knife as well. Both deputies were approximately fifteen to twenty feet in front of their patrol vehicles. They stood approximately fifteen to twenty feet away from the suspect as they followed the suspect who was walking briskly backwards, lurching forward toward them, and stopping at times.

They kept the fifteen to twenty feet distance as they followed the suspect. If the suspect moved forward, they moved backward, if the suspect moved backward, they moved forward. They continued to order the suspect to drop the knife and tell pedestrians to get out of the way. During this time Deputy Zarda saw other patrol units arriving. He did not communicate with any of the deputies on the scene during the incident.

Deputy Zarda said the suspect stopped moving and stood holding the knife with one hand and his other hand in his pocket. The suspect looked at every single deputy on scene, then focused on Deputy Zarda. Deputy Zarda said the suspect raised his right hand and thrust forward with the knife. Believing the suspect had a gun and fearing for his safety and the safety of his partners, he pointed his gun at the suspect and shot toward center mass of the suspect's body. He said once he started shooting, the suspect's forward movement stopped and the suspect fell to the ground. Deputy Zarda stopped shooting. He said he heard other rounds being fired while he was shooting but could not give any specifics because he was focused on his target. He heard one shotgun round fired and estimated the shooting lasted fifteen seconds. He said his shooting backdrop consisted of a freeway embankment and some houses and cars. He did not see any pedestrians in his backdrop. At the time of the shooting, Deputy Zarda believed he fired five to seven rounds.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Zarda's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Venus Felix**

Deputy Venus Felix said she was working Problem Specific Patrolling which is a no call car. She heard a call of a man with a knife over self-dispatch, and she and her partner Deputy Cerda started looking around the area for the suspect. She then heard Deputy Padilla broadcast that he had been involved in a shooting. She then heard via radio that the suspect was running southbound on Morrill Avenue. She and her partner Deputy Cerda responded to the intersection of Morrill Avenue and Holbrook Street. She saw Deputy Padilla's patrol vehicle on the southeast corner, and saw him standing there pointing west of Morrill Avenue. They responded to the location and saw Deputy Kenneth Felix and Deputy Zarda holding the suspect at gunpoint, giving him orders. She said she exited the patrol vehicle and grabbed the shot gun.

Deputy V. Felix and Deputy Cerda joined Deputies K. Felix and Zarda and began giving orders to the suspect. The suspect was walking backwards, and she walked along with the other deputies moving with the suspect. She said they were walking along with the suspect because they did not want him to get away. She said as the suspect walked backwards, and it looked as though he were going to do a football turn and take off. She said she could not tell what his next move would be. The suspect had a blank stare on his face, and he mumbled words like "Come on, Come on." She said she could tell the suspect was on some kind of drug because of the blank stare on his face. She said he had the look of death. The suspect was reaching for his waistband and she said she

believed he was going to pull out a firearm. She said she had a previous experience where a suspect pulled out a firearm and shot at her and her partners. Deputy V. Felix said her instinct was to fire her weapon.

Deputy V. Felix said she fired one round from the shotgun. She said she used the shotgun because she carries it all the time since being involved in another shooting.

**IAB Note:** Deputy V. Felix's Personal Performance Index record does not indicate that she has been involved in any prior shootings.

She stated "I'm going back to a previous incident with a previous shooting. No one had a shotgun and the suspect managed to shoot at us seven times with numerous deputies firing at him and he only got shot in the leg. And I think if someone had a shotgun, he probably wouldn't have been able to shoot at us as many times. And it was a similar situation where he was standing several feet in front of us. So, I felt it was a good weapon to use."

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy V. Felix's statements, refer to her transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Jim Cerda**

Deputy Cerda and his partner Deputy V. Felix drove westbound down Holbrook Street and he saw Deputy K. Felix and Deputy Zarda holding a male who matched the description at gunpoint. He pulled his patrol vehicle adjacent to the other patrol vehicles and he and his partner got out to assist Deputies Zarda and K. Felix. He said the suspect was holding a knife and he started giving repeated commands to the suspect to put the knife down. Deputy Cerda said the suspect began to back away as they were giving him commands. As the suspect backed away, they moved along with him ordering him to drop the knife. The suspect did not comply and continued to hold the knife in his right hand. The suspect had his left hand inside of his waistband area. He said the suspect started shaking his head and began coming forward to attack.

Deputy Cerda said he did not want the suspect to stab him or his partners. Fearing for his life, he said he fired his duty weapon at the suspect. He said at that time, he could see numerous tattoos on the suspect's face. He said knowing that gang members usually arm themselves with guns or weapons, he believed the suspect was going to assault or kill him or his partners.

Deputy Cerda said he was standing approximately ten to fifteen feet away from the suspect at the time of the shooting and believes he fired eight to ten rounds.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Padilla's statements, refer



to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Fernando Cardona**

Deputy Cardona said he was leaving briefing when he heard a man with a gun call broadcast over the radio. The call indicated that a male in a black Chrysler 300 brandished a firearm at someone who was walking on Norwalk Boulevard. He said they were on self-dispatch so he had two radios working and no computer. While searching for the vehicle, he heard radio traffic that a deputy involved shooting had occurred. He said he responded to Holbrook Street and Morrill Avenue and contacted Deputy Padilla. Deputy Padilla pointed and stated that the suspect ran westbound on Holbrook Street. Deputy Cardona drove his vehicle down Holbrook Street and parked his vehicle as close as he could to the suspect who being detained by Deputy K. Felix and another deputy who he could not recall.

Deputy Cardona said he got out of his car and joined the other deputies who were trying to detain the suspect at Holbrook Street and Rockne Avenue. He saw the suspect had a giant knife that looked like a machete. The suspect was waving the knife around and holding it in an upright position with the blade facing up. Deputy Cardona stood about ten to fifteen feet away from the suspect and joined the other deputies in giving commands for the suspect to "Stop moving and Drop the knife." He said they gave the suspect several commands but he did not comply. He said the suspect continued to waive the knife and skipped backward as they followed him. The suspect was grunting what sounded like "Come and get me. Come and get me." Deputy Cardona said they followed the suspect, keeping a safe distance just in case he decided to run at them.

Deputy Cardona said he continued to follow the suspect because he wanted to convey to the suspect that they (deputies) were not going anywhere. Deputy Cardona said he could see the suspect's facial expression changing. The suspect had odd clown like tattoos on his face and tattoos of triangles on his upper eyebrow and lower cheek. The suspect continued to skip backwards, shake the knife, and reach for his waistband as Deputy Cardona and the other deputies continued to walk together in a horizontal line and follow him. He said he and the other deputies did not communicate with one another as they followed the suspect. Deputy Cardona said at one point, the suspect's face went blank. He lunged forward with the knife and jammed his left hand into his pocket causing his hand to disappear. Deputy Cardona said as soon as the suspect started lunging forward, with his hand moving at the same time, he started shooting center mass at the suspect. He said he fired his weapon three to four times at the suspect because he was in fear for his safety and the safety of his partners. Deputy Cardona believed the suspect was going to pull a gun out of his pocket and shoot him or one of his partners, or stab one of them and keep running.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Cardona's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

## **Deputy Leticia Reynoso**

Deputy Reynoso said she was working a community based detail when she heard a man with a gun call. She responded from the south end of Pico Rivera. She said she heard Deputy Gutierrez on [REDACTED] relaying emergency radio traffic that a deputy had been involved in a shooting. She then heard Deputy Padilla relay emergency radio traffic over [REDACTED] that he had been involved in a shooting. Deputy Reynoso traveled northbound on Norwalk Boulevard, west on Loch Avon, and north on Rockne. When she arrived, she immediately exited her vehicle and saw deputies standing in the middle of the block of Rockne Avenue and McNees Avenue. She saw the suspect holding a large knife, which looked like a machete. She went over to where the deputies were standing and started giving the suspect commands to put the knife down.

Deputy Reynoso said she noticed tattoos all over the suspect's face and he had a menacing look on his face. She said the suspect was determined to attack her or one of her partners and he was moving forward toward them and then backwards. The suspect was raising and lowering the knife, and not complying with their orders to drop the knife. She said he put his left hand into his sweater pocket in his waistband area and raising his head up and down, taunting them. They gave the suspect orders to show his hands. The suspect did not comply. She said the suspect was looking at them as if he wanted to attack one of them. Deputy Reynoso said the suspect had a knife in his hand and he was within ten feet of her. She believed the suspect was reaching for a gun inside his waistband and was going to shoot her or her partners. She said she shot her gun approximately five to six times at the suspect until she saw him fall.

Deputy Reynoso did not see any pedestrians outside at the time of the shooting. She said her backdrop consisted of parked cars. Deputy Reynoso said she thought about using the Taser, but the suspect had a large knife and she did not think the Taser would be effective. She said she did not want to get any closer to the suspect because he was pointing the knife at them.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Reynoso's statements, refer to her transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

## **SWORN WITNESS STATEMENT:**

Deputy Maricela Gutierrez

Deputy Gutierrez said she was [REDACTED] at the time this incident occurred. She said she and [REDACTED] Deputy Padilla heard a man with a gun call broadcast via the radio and they went to assist with the call. They were looking for a black Nissan with four juvenile gangsters inside wearing "Cowboys" gear. As she and her partner approached the intersection of Morrill Avenue and Holbrook Street, she saw the suspect running toward them. The suspect stopped running and continued walking toward them. His

clothing matched the description of the suspect they were looking for. Deputy Padilla stopped their patrol vehicle approximately five feet away from the suspect and ordered him to stop. He did not comply with their order to stop. She said Deputy Padilla told the suspect to, "Stop, let me see your hands." The suspect did not comply, and walked backward. Deputy Padilla drove and stopped the car within ten feet of the suspect. Deputy Padilla stopped the patrol vehicle and Deputy Gutierrez immediately got out to make contact with the suspect. She then saw the suspect reaching into his waistband trying to retrieve a handle that appeared to get stuck in his jacket. She said as she backed up to take cover behind the passenger side patrol vehicle door and retrieve her duty weapon, Deputy Padilla ( ) shot two or three rounds at the suspect. She said before she was able to get her gun out the suspect got up from the ground and ran southbound on Morrill Avenue Street. She said she wanted to chase the suspect but Deputy Padilla told her that they needed to stay where they were and set up a containment and preserve the scene. Deputy Gutierrez said she immediately broadcast emergency radio traffic.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "B," CD containing radio traffic transmitted by Deputy Gutierrez (G133914-35).

Deputy Gutierrez was on the corner of the south side of Holbrook Street and Morrill Avenue. She was looking westbound and saw deputies on the north corner of Holbrook Street and Rockne. The suspect was standing toward the north side of the street facing east and she could see the deputies standing on Rockne and Holbrook Street facing west. She said she could not hear the deputies giving the suspect any command because she was too far away. She also said her view was blocked patrol vehicles. Deputy Gutierrez said she did not see the shooting but she heard shooting.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Gutierrez's statements, refer to her transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Mark Kocisko**

Deputy Kocisko said while flying in the area, he heard a deputy state via radio that he had been in a shooting and the suspect was armed with a knife. He said he and his partner immediately responded to the location. When they came over head approximately 300 feet, he saw the suspect walking backward in the middle of the street. The suspect was being followed by a group of deputies. He said the suspect appeared to have a very aggressive stance and looked uncooperative and aggressive. The suspect was flailing his arms at his sides.

Deputy Kocisko said his partner Deputy Pruitt was attempting to establish a containment of the location should the suspect decide to flee. While flying the aircraft, he was trying to assist Deputy Pruitt as well as look at the moving map, to make sure Deputy Pruitt was calling out the correct containment positions. He said he was also looking down to help monitor the location of the suspect and his actions. After about two blocks of observing

the deputies follow the suspect, he looked down and saw the suspect fall to the ground. He believed the deputies had been involved in a second shooting with the suspect. He was not able to see if the suspect had been carrying anything in his hand.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Kocisko's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **Deputy Adam Pruitt**

Deputy Pruitt said they were assisting Pico Rivera Station with a man with a gun call. While they were searching for the vehicle he heard the deputies put out emergent traffic of a deputy involved shooting. It took them less than a minute to arrive overhead. He saw five to six deputies walking westbound in a line with their guns pointed down range at the suspect. The suspect was walking backward and appeared to be noncompliant by swinging his arms around. Deputy Pruitt saw something shiny in the suspect's hand, but could not tell if it was a knife. Deputy Pruitt said he began to establish a containment, looking at a moving map in front of him. When he looked back down he saw the suspect on the ground and deputies standing near him in a line.

Deputy Pruitt said it was less than one minute from the time they arrived overhead, to the time the shooting occurred. It appeared to him that the deputies tried to keep the same distance between the suspect and themselves. He said it did not appear like they were trying to close the gap between them. It appeared as if they may have been giving the suspect orders to get on the ground. He said after he saw the suspect was down, he requested the Fire Department.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding Deputy Pruitt's statements, refer to his transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

### **CIVILIAN WITNESS' STATEMENT**

Witness [REDACTED] said on the day of the incident, she was riding with Deputy Kenneth Felix. She said they reported to a man with a gun call that ended up being a man with a knife call. She said when Deputy Felix turned the corner, they recognized the person that had been described in the radio traffic. She said Deputy Felix drove over to the suspect and told him to put the knife down. She said the suspect looked back, and did not put the knife down. The suspect kept looking back at them and holding the knife. She said the suspect started running, and they went after him in the patrol vehicle. She said when they got to the end of the street, the suspect still would not put the knife down, so Deputy Felix stopped the car and said "Put the fucking knife down." The suspect still didn't put the knife down.

Witness [REDACTED] said all of a sudden all the units started coming in and they ended up at the corner of the street. She said there was a car blocking her so she could not see the suspect anymore. She said all the deputies were surrounding the suspect and they had their guns out. She said she then heard shots being fired.

**IAB Note:** For further details regarding CSO [REDACTED] statements, refer to her transcripts, attached after the investigation summary.

[REDACTED]  
See Exhibit "A," page 65 for Witness [REDACTED] statement

[REDACTED]  
See Exhibit "A," page 66 for Witness [REDACTED] statement

[REDACTED]  
See Exhibit "A," page 72 for Witness [REDACTED] statement

A canvass of the neighborhood for witnesses was conducted by deputies. None of the persons contacted saw the shooting, but several heard gun shots. Refer to Exhibit "A," pages 18-42 for supplementary reports and canvass cards for witnesses.

#### **SUSPECT STATEMENT:**

Suspect deceased

#### **SUSPECT INJURIES:**

1. Gunshot wound to forehead
2. Gunshot wound to right occiput
3. Gunshot wound to right chest
4. Gunshot wound to left back
5. Gunshot wound to middle back
6. Gunshot wound to left face
7. Gunshot wound to left chest
8. Gunshot wound to right chest
9. Gunshot wound to left upper arm
10. Gunshot wound to left upper arm
11. Gunshot wound to left lower back
12. Gunshot wound to left flank
13. Gunshot wound to left hip region
14. Gunshot wound to left buttock

- 15. Gunshot wound to right arm
- 16. Gunshot wound to right hand
- 17. Gunshot wound to left thigh

See Exhibit "A," Coroner report pages 162-175

**DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES:**

None

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

See Exhibit "A," pages 87-115

**INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:**

When IAB Investigators arrived, they observed the area consisted mostly of [REDACTED]. There were two shooting scenes. There were numerous civilian vehicles parked along the curbs of both scenes. The shooting scenes were being preserved pending Homicide investigation and Coroner arrival.

**WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:**

Deputy Venus Felix [REDACTED] Remington 870 police model shotgun, LASD1904, fire 1 round

Deputy Reynoso [REDACTED] Beretta, 92FS, Serial [REDACTED] 9mm Luger, fired 6 rounds

Deputy Zarda [REDACTED] Beretta, 92F, Serial [REDACTED] 9mm Luger, fired 8 rounds

Deputy Cardona [REDACTED] HK, USP, Serial [REDACTED] 45 Auto, fired 5 rounds

Deputy Cerda [REDACTED] Beretta, 92FS, Serial [REDACTED] 9mm Luger, fired 8 rounds

Deputy Padilla [REDACTED] Beretta, 92FS, Serial [REDACTED] 9mm Luger, fired 2 rounds

Deputy Kenneth Felix [REDACTED] Beretta, 92FS, Serial [REDACTED] 9mm Luger, fired 17 rounds

**IAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit "A," page 115-119 for Crime Lab test of involved deputies' weapons

**WEAPONS USED BY SUBJECT:**

Butcher knife with brown wooden handle, 9 to 10 inch blade, See Exhibit "C," photograph of the knife.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

**Vehicle:** Nissan Maxima- bullet strikes to the rear bumper, left rear tail light, rear passenger door, and panel above rear wheel.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "E," CD of photographs depicting damage to citizen's vehicle.

**Residence:** [REDACTED] sustained damage caused by gunfire. Two fired bullets and a bullet fragment were located on the front port near the main entrance. A jacket fragment was located inside the residence near the west portion of the living room. A fired bullet was recovered from the northwest hallway entrance. Evidence items #G through #N in Exhibit "A" page 95 depicts bullet holes in the south facing portion of the residence.

**IAB Note:** See Exhibit "F," photographs and 1 CD containing damage to residence at [REDACTED].

**CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITIONS:**

None

**WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:**

Day Light, cold, windy





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RE: J.S.I.D. File No.13-0063  
L.A.S.D. File No. 013-80004-1575-013

Dear Captain Harris:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the January 10, 2013, fatal shooting of [REDACTED]<sup>1</sup> by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputies John Padilla, Venus Felix, Kenneth Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso and David Zarda. We have concluded that each of these deputies acted lawfully in self-defense and defense of others.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this incident at 5:25 p.m. on January 10, 2013. The District Attorney Response Team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Natalie Adomian and District Attorney Senior Investigator Mike Moursalian, was notified by the Command Center and responded to the scene. They were given a briefing of the circumstances surrounding the incident and a walk-through of the scene.

The following analysis is based upon our examination of the reports and photographs submitted to this office by Detective Donna Cheek and Sergeant Howard Cooper from the Homicide Bureau of LASD. Compelled statements were not considered as part of this analysis.

**FACTUAL ANALYSIS**

On January 10, 2013, at 3:40 p.m., [REDACTED] reported to LASD Pico Rivera Station that he was a victim of an assault with a handgun in an alley near [REDACTED] Norwalk Boulevard, in the City of Whittier. He explained he was walking in the alley when a car with four occupants pulled up alongside him. He described one of the suspects in the vehicle as a male Hispanic, age 19-21, wearing a gray-hooded sweater and Dallas Cowboys cap with tattoos across his neck.

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<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED] identity has not been disclosed as he was a minor.

The suspect asked [REDACTED] where he was from, shouted out the name of a gang and pointed a black handgun at him. The Sheriff's station broadcasted the crime and suspect's description.

Deputies John Padilla and Marisela Gutierrez were in uniform and in a marked patrol vehicle when they heard the broadcast and responded to the location. At 4:10 p.m., Deputies Padilla and Gutierrez approached Holbrook Street and Morrill Avenue, .4 miles from where [REDACTED] was assaulted. They saw a male, later identified as [REDACTED] who matched the description of the suspect given by [REDACTED], running in the middle of Morrill Avenue. Padilla, who was driving, stopped the patrol vehicle 5 to 15 feet from [REDACTED]. Both deputies opened their vehicle doors and ordered [REDACTED] to stop and put up his hands. [REDACTED] ignored the deputies' commands. Instead, he stared directly at the deputies while reaching under his shirt and into his waistband. Deputy Padilla, who had taken cover behind his patrol car door 10 feet from [REDACTED] believed he was reaching for a gun. Padilla, in fear for his life and the life of his partner, fired his service weapon twice at [REDACTED] who fell to the ground and grabbed his leg. [REDACTED] immediately got up, faced Deputies Padilla and Gutierrez and placed his hand back into his waistband.<sup>2</sup> Padilla was unable to fire again as civilians moved into the line of fire. [REDACTED] removed a large knife, waived the knife at the deputies, then ran south on Morrill Avenue. Deputy Gutierrez broadcasted the circumstances of the shooting to other deputies.

Deputy Kenneth Felix responded towards the area of the shooting. He saw [REDACTED] at Morrill Avenue and Loch Avon Drive, one block from where the encounter with Padilla took place. [REDACTED] was waving a large knife while looking at K. Felix's patrol vehicle. K. Felix exited his patrol vehicle and ordered [REDACTED] to put the knife down and get on the ground. [REDACTED] took a few steps toward a resident standing on his lawn, causing K. Felix to fear [REDACTED] may attack the civilian. [REDACTED] crouched down slowly, as if surrendering. [REDACTED] then quickly got up and fled. K. Felix reentered his vehicle and pursued [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] continued holding the knife, faced K. Felix, and jogged away backwards. K. Felix pursued [REDACTED] for two blocks, to Holbrook Street and Rockne Avenue. When [REDACTED] slowed down, K. Felix exited his patrol vehicle and followed on foot.

Responding Deputies Venus Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso and David Zarda responded to K. Felix's position at Holbrook Street and Rockne Avenue. The deputies saw K. Felix attempting to detain [REDACTED] in the middle of the street without cover. The deputies exited their vehicles and walked toward K. Felix and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was in the middle of the street facing the deputies who were 10-15 feet from him. While slowly walking backwards, [REDACTED] was holding the knife in his right hand and his left hand was in his pocket. Deputies followed [REDACTED] on foot while maintaining a distance of 10-15 feet. [REDACTED] raised and lowered the knife and pointed it at the deputies in an angry and threatening manner. The deputies repeatedly commanded him to put the knife down. [REDACTED] shook his head "no" and taunted the officers saying, "Come on!" Deputies followed [REDACTED] for about a half a block. [REDACTED] then raised the knife with the blade facing the deputies and moved forward in a manner which led deputies to believe he was going to stab them. Simultaneously, he began to remove

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<sup>2</sup> Deputy Padilla believed [REDACTED] was struck in the leg since he grabbed his leg as he fell to the ground.

his left hand from his waistband, causing deputies to believe he was removing a gun or other weapon.<sup>3</sup> Fearing for their individual safety and the safety of other deputies, Deputies Kenneth Felix, Venus Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso and David Zarda fired their service weapons at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics. A butcher knife with a 9-10 inch blade and a black cellphone were recovered near his body.<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles County Department of Coroner Deputy Medical Examiner J. Daniel Augustine opined [REDACTED] suffered multiple gunshot wounds. [REDACTED]'s lab results showed evidence of methamphetamine in his blood at the time he was shot.

[REDACTED]

## LEGAL ANALYSIS

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense and defense of others if it reasonably appears to the person claiming the right to use such force that he actually and reasonably believed that he or another person was in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. CALCRIM No. 3470.

"The 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight." Graham v. Conner (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-397. This analysis must also allow for the fact that officers are often forced to make split-second judgments about the amount of force that is necessary in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. Id.

## CONCLUSION

The evidence examined in this investigation shows Deputies John Padilla and Marisela Gutierrez attempted to detain [REDACTED] to investigate his possible involvement in a recent assault with a

<sup>3</sup> Deputy K. Felix saw [REDACTED] reach his left hand into his pocket and pull out a black object. K. Felix, believing [REDACTED] was retrieving a weapon, fired multiple rounds at [REDACTED]. Deputy Cerda saw [REDACTED] point the tip of the knife blade at the deputies, raise his right hand and move his body forward towards the deputies. Deputy Cerda, believing [REDACTED] was going to stab him or another deputy, fired his service weapon at [REDACTED] multiple times. Deputy V. Felix saw [REDACTED] reach his left hand into his jacket. V. Felix, believing [REDACTED] was reaching for another weapon, fired one round from her shotgun. Deputy Reynoso saw [REDACTED] move forward and begin to remove his hand from his waistband. Reynoso, believing [REDACTED] was retrieving a handgun, fired her service weapon multiple times at [REDACTED]. Deputy Cardona saw [REDACTED] pull his left hand out of his jacket while moving his upper body and knife forward. Cardona, believing he was retrieving a weapon with his left hand while attempting to stab deputies with the knife, fired his service weapon multiple times at [REDACTED]. Deputy Zarda saw Jesse raise the knife and bring it forward while beginning to remove his left hand from his pocket. Zarda, believing [REDACTED] was removing a handgun or was going to stab him or another deputy, fired his service weapon multiple times at [REDACTED].


<sup>4</sup> It was not determined whether [REDACTED] was involved in the assault on [REDACTED].

firearm. [REDACTED] refused to comply with the deputies' commands and reached to his waistband. Deputy Padilla, reasonably believing he was retrieving a firearm, and in reasonable fear of his life and that of his partner, responded with deadly force. [REDACTED] fell to the ground, retrieved a butcher knife from under his shirt, and ran away. Moments later, Deputies Kenneth Felix, Venus Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso, and David Zarda attempted to detain [REDACTED] while he was waving the knife at the deputies in an aggressive manner. At one point, [REDACTED] raised his knife and moved toward the deputies while removing his left hand from his waistband. Deputies Kenneth Felix, Venus Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso, and David Zarda, believed he was going to stab them with the knife and/or attack them with a weapon from his waistband. In reasonable fear for their lives and the lives of their fellow deputies, they responded with deadly force.

We conclude that Deputies John Padilla, Kenneth Felix, Venus Felix, Jim Cerda, Fernando Cardona, Leticia Reynoso, and David Zarda acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others when they used deadly force against [REDACTED]. Therefore, we are closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JACKIE LACEY  
District Attorney

By 

NATALIE ADOMIAN  
Deputy District Attorney  
[REDACTED]

c: Deputy John Padilla [REDACTED]  
Deputy Kenneth Felix [REDACTED]  
Deputy Venus Felix [REDACTED]  
Deputy Jim Cerda [REDACTED]  
Deputy Fernando Cardona [REDACTED]  
Deputy Leticia Reynoso [REDACTED]  
Deputy David Zarda [REDACTED]

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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DATE: June 24, 2014

FILE NO:

 OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, COMMANDER  
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

TO: ALLEN CASTELLANOS, CAPTAIN  
PICO RIVERA STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number: SH2328967

Incident: Hit Shooting

Incident Date: January 10, 2013

Unit: Pico Rivera Station

Suspect: [REDACTED] MH/ [REDACTED]

Involved Employees: Deputy Fernando Cardona, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Jim Cerda, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Scott Woods, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Kenneth Felix, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Venus Felix, [REDACTED]  
Deputy John Padilla, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Leticia Reynoso, [REDACTED]  
Deputy Dave Zarda, [REDACTED]

EFRC Date: June 19, 2014

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Stephen Johnson, Ralph Webb, and Patrick Maxwell met and reviewed the above case.

**FORCE POLICY RELATING TO INCIDENT:**

Law enforcement officers may use deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others only when they reasonably believe death or serious physical injury is about to be inflicted upon themselves or others.

**FINDINGS:**

On January 10, 2013, Pico Rivera Station deputies responded to the area regarding a "Person with a gun" call. The caller indicated four male gang members in a dark colored vehicle pointed a firearm at him, asked him "Where he was from," and drove away. One of the males was described as wearing a hooded sweatshirt and a Dallas Cowboys cap.

Deputies John Padilla and Marisela Gutierrez, who were partners, saw Suspect [REDACTED] walking toward them on Morrill Avenue. He matched the description of one of the suspects in the call and, therefore, they attempted to detain him. Suspect [REDACTED] refused to follow the deputy's commands to stop. Instead, he put his hands in his waistband area and began to dig for something. Believing Suspect [REDACTED] was arming himself with a gun, and fearing for he and his partner's safety, Deputy Padilla fired two rounds at the suspect. Suspect [REDACTED] fell to the ground and grabbed his leg. He then instinctively jumped up from the ground and continued to dig in his waistband until he retrieved a large 9 to 10 inch knife. The suspect ran south on Morrill Avenue and out of view.

An aero unit responded, located Suspect [REDACTED], and broadcasted his location. Responding deputies exited their patrol cars and walked toward Suspect [REDACTED] location. Suspect [REDACTED] faced the deputies while wielding a large knife. The deputies gave Suspect [REDACTED] several commands to drop the knife, get on the ground, and show his hands. The suspect refused and walked backward away from the deputies for several blocks while waving the knife at them and mumbling "Come on. Come on." The deputies walked in a horizontal line following the suspect westbound for several blocks down Holbrook Street between Rockne Avenue and McNees Avenue.

The suspect then began aggressively moving toward the deputies and concealing his hand in his pocket. The deputies gave Suspect [REDACTED] numerous commands to stop, show his hands and drop the knife. The suspect refused to comply. Deputies Cardona, Cerda, K. Felix, V. Felix, Reynoso, and Zarda fired at Suspect [REDACTED]. The suspect fell to the ground. Subject [REDACTED] sustained seventeen gunshot wounds to his body including his forehead, chest, back, face, arms, hip, buttocks, thigh and hand. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedic Delucia at 1620 hours.

Suspect [REDACTED] knife was recovered from the scene. Suspect [REDACTED] was a known "Quiet Village" gang member. A hand written note was found on Suspect [REDACTED] person, which stated "Call if you need anything. If you do something stupid call." It is not known who this note was

written by or if it played any part in the suspect's actions leading up to this shooting.

The EFRC determined the force used against the suspect was within Department policy. They also determined the tactics used were within Department policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The EFRC recommended the unit commander, Captain Allen M. Castellanos, conduct a tactical debriefing with all involved personnel regarding the unique circumstances of this incident. The tactical debriefing is to include the processing of emergency calls for service by desk operations personnel and the deployment of Community Service Officers during tactical field operations.

In addition, the station training

shall debrief tactical issues which occurred during this incident. This debriefing shall emphasize the role of "decision making" and deputy leadership. In addition the personnel involved in this incident shall

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